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FOR FEA-FRANK ZARB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL YO

SUBJ: NIKOLA TESLA MONUMENT DEDICATION

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1. IN RESPONSE REFTE), BELIEVE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION SHOULD NOT BE RECEIVED ABOVE ARMITAGE LEVEL. WITH SOVIET SPY POZEG RELEASED AS MUCH AS A MONTH AGO AND TOTH STILL IN JAIL, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD CARRY ON WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL IN CELEBRATION OF ANOTHER EMIGRE. RECOMMEND ARMITAGE DEVOTE MAJOR PART OF HIS MEETING TO TOTH CASE AND LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR US-YUSOGLAV RELATIONS OF CONTINUING MISTREATMENT OF VISITING DUAL NATIONALS-- A LA HARTMAN'S REMARKS TO BERNARDOVIC HERE IN BELGRADE.

2. WHOEVER SEES DELEGATION AT NSF, NAS OR OTHER SCIENTIFIC BODIES WHOULD MAKE THE POINT THAT SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IS ENORMOUSLY SENSITIVE TO POLITICAL RELATIONS. DESPITE FACT YUGOSLAVS KNOW THAT PL480 FUNDS RUNNING OUT, THEY BELIEVE IF WE HAD POLITICAL WILL WE COULD CONTINUE COOPERATION AT PAST LEVELS. THERE IS NO REASON TO DISABUSE THEM OF THIS NOTION. IN FACT JUST  
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THE OPPOSITE.

3. IT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE FOR ZARB NOT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS EMIGRES FACE WHEN THEY RETURN TO YUGOSLAVIA IN HIS REMARKS AT NIAGRA FALLS. BELIEVE MENTIONING TOTTH BY NAME MIGHT NOT BE CALLED FOR AT THIS JUNCTURE, BUT RECOMMEND LANGUAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES; "AS WE CELEBRATE THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF A YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN TO OUR RELATIONS, WE ARE NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE PROBLEM SOME AMERICAN CITIZENS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN EXPERIENCE WHEN THEY RETURN TO YUGOSLAVIA FOR A VISIT. WE MUST ACHIEVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE TREATMENT TO AVOID THE ENORMOUS BURDEN WHICH SUCH CASES PLACE UPON OUR RELATIONS." AT SAME TIME RECOMMEND ZARB AVOID MENTIONING PROBLEM OF EMIGRE ACTIVITIES INSIDE UNITED STATES AGAINST YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS AND ESTABLISHMENTS AS WISH TO AVOID LINKAGE.

4. FOR ZARB FROM SILBERMAN: FRANK, DON'T LET WEASLEY TYPES TALK YOU OUT OF THIS. TOTTH AN INNOCENT BUSINESSMAN THROWN IN JAIL FOR MALICIOUS REASONS AND HELD FOR ONE YEAR. NOT IN U.S. INTEREST TO DO OTHER BUT RAISE HELL SINCE A NUMBER OF DUAL NATIONALS (AMERICANS BORN IN YUGOSLAVIA) MISTREATED BY YUGOSLAV POLICE WHEN THEY VISIT HERE.  
SILBERMAN

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